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STORAGE MEDIA

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The original Invention Disclosure demonstrating conception of the invention for the above referenced application was submitted by me and received by the Hewlett-Packard Legal Department before the October 29, 2001 filing date of the Honda reference, US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0191517A1. Due diligence was taken by me to the filing of the Application. This Invention Disclosure, with dates redacted, is shown in Exhibit A.

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CD Writer Thermal Printing Labels

Name of Project:

None

Product Name or Number:

None

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- A. Prior solutions and their disadvantages (if available, attach copies of product literature, technical articles, patents, etc.).
- B. Problems solved by the invention.
- C. Advantages of the invention over what has been done before.
- D. Description of the construction and operation of the invention (include appropriate schematic, block, & timing diagrams; drawings; samples; graphs; flowcharts; computer listings; test results, etc.)

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A. Prior solutions and their disadvantages (if available, attach copies of product literature, technical articles, patents, etc.).

Prior solutions including PNDO 10005058 and USPTO 6074031 describe a discrete print mechanism and ink supply integrated in or with a CDRW or DVDRW drive that can print labels on the recording media. These approaches add cost, bulk, and maintenance (replacing consumables) to a basic drive.

B. Problems solved by the invention.

The invention eliminates the need for an ink supply and other additional parts by using the existing laser writing device to write to a thermally sensitive label or coating on the recording media.

C. Advantages of the invention over what has been done before:

To date, labels have been printed on a printer or by hand and then attached to a writable disk. With the inventions specified in section A, the writing can be done within the disk writer directly on the disk, but require additional moving hardware components and a replaceable ink supply. This invention can be implemented at minimal incremental cost, will not increase the form factor of the device, and will not require the replacement of consumables.

D. Description of the construction and operation of the invention (include appropriate schematic, block, & timing diagrams; drawings; samples; graphs; flowcharts; computer listings; test results; etc.)

The invention uses the writing laser diode in an optical disk writer to heat a thermal sensitive coating on a disk or the coating on an attached label on the label side of a writable optical disk (CDRW, DVDRW, et al). The thermal sensitive coating can be similar to thermal FAX paper in that it changes from white to black when heated. In operation, the disk would be removed, turned over, and re-inserted. The disk rotation and laser servo subsystems would be used to position the laser to write very high-resolution markings on the label side of the disk. Color printing could be achieved by making the thermal coatings multi-layer or color patterned (under a white top surface). In the multi-layer approach, the laser could be modulated to burn through the appropriate number of layers to reach the intended color. In a color patterned coating, pre-printed alignment marks could be read by the drive to align the laser, then the printing laser would be directed to burn through the top layer to expose one or more color sub-pixels. An additional claim is that the disk could be ejected with the label always be properly aligned (top to bottom) for easy reading.

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